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WORK OF THE RED CROSS AMONG EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Mr. W. W. Hall read the following on American Red Cross aid to Italy at the recent meeting of the local Red Cross Society:

The Italian Red Cross being specially equipped with field hospitals, hospital trains and ships, with their personnel and equipment, the American Red Cross sent to it \$320,000 for the important work of caring for the sick and wounded. To Mr. Bayard Cutting Jr., American Vice Consul at Milan, who was promptly sent to the field of disaster as a special representative of the American Red Cross, \$15,000 was forwarded for any immediate necessities. On the advice of the American Ambassador at Rome, \$100,000 was transmitted to his American committee to charter and equip a Red Cross relief ship. Sixty hours after this ship was chartered it entered the harbor of Messina with a large personnel of doctors and nurses, hospital supplies, clothing, food and money. Speaking of the help it rendered, Mr. Griseom writes:

"I am now being bombarded by grateful letters from the various Prefects, Mayors and Colonels along the shores of Calabria and Sicily. I am satisfied the ship did real good and satisfied real needs."

At the suggestion of the Italian government, \$106,000 has been expended by the American Red Cross in the purchase of materials for some six hundred houses, which have been shipped to Italy on a vessel specially chartered for this purpose. The expense of erecting these houses, which will amount to about \$10,000, will likewise be met by the American Red Cross.

To Mr. Griseom has also been transmitted \$70,000 to use at his discretion after consultation with the Italian government. Most of this, together with \$17,000, a balance left from the \$100,000 sent for the Red Cross relief ship, has been devoted to the assistance of the unfortunate sufferers found in the out-of-the-way mountain villages of Calabria, who were long undiscovered and without assistance after the terrible earthquake which had wrecked their homes.

For the Christian Herald the Red Cross transmitted through the Italian Embassy \$50,000 to Queen Helena for the relief of widows and orphans, and from the generous subscribers of this same paper, \$5000 was sent for the assistance of the sufferers in Sicily of the Waldensian faith.

The National Director of the American Red Cross, Mr. Ernest P. Bicknell, has been sent to Italy to consult with Mr. Griseom and the Italian government as to the use of the funds still in the hands of the American Red Cross, some of which will be used for the erection of the houses sent by the Red Cross, and possibly also for the expense of erecting some 2500 houses sent by the United States government, for which purpose there is none of the appropriation of Congress left.

Upon the request of the Red Cross, Mr. Griseom consulted with the Italian government as to the best use of further funds at its disposal. So many hundreds of children have been left utterly dependent, that it was decided that the wisest expenditure of these funds lie in the maintenance of an agricultural orphanage colony, where these children could be cared for and many of the women left dependent widows, and sometimes childless, could be employed. The funds devoted to this purpose amounting to \$250,000 will, at the request of the Italian committee, be invested in this country as a higher interest on safe investments can be obtained here than in Italy. The institution is to be called The American Red Cross Orphanage, and the American Ambassador is to be ex-officio a member of its governing committee. The Italian government will furnish the land and the Italian Relief Committee, under the patronage of Queen Helena, will provide the buildings. It will be located in Sicily or Calabria and consist of model farms where scientific agricultural instruction will be given by agents of the Royal University of Agriculture. It will be a lay and not an ecclesiastic institution, and the budget of the orphanage will be printed and published each year and must meet the approval of the Prime Minister.

Mr. Griseom writing of this orphanage to the chairman of the central committee of the Red Cross, says:

"I can assure you that this generous gift of the American Red Cross has made a profound impression in Italy. I made the formal presentation to Her Majesty who was overcome with emotion and for a moment at a loss to express herself. Finally she made a beautiful speech and poured forth her admiration for the organization of the American Red Cross."

The letter of the Minister of War is as follows:

"Rome, February 16, 1909.
"Mr. Ambassador: In the recent great misfortune which has stricken two provinces of Italy, the American Red Cross has accomplished a truly admirable relief work."

"The high amounts of supplies, medicines and clothes forwarded in such abundance to the devastated districts as well as the well-ordered and wise rapidity for distributing supplies have made this relief truly efficient and beneficent for the stricken inhabitants, and, if such work, splendid in its generosity and altruism, has attained its end so perfectly, this is due, without doubt, to the keen-sighted and efficient direction of Your Excellency."

"Permit me, therefore, Mr. Ambassador, to express to you my feelings of heart-felt gratitude, and at the same time, of sincere admiration. I beg you to transmit my particular expressions of gratitude to the highly meritorious American Red Cross."

"In assuring you that there will always live in our hearts the memory of the noble manifestation given by the country which you so worthily

represent, I beg Your Excellency to accept the assurances of my highest consideration."

"CASANA,
Minister of War."
Mr. Griseom, who rendered sub prompt, able and valuable assistance in the relief work says in a letter to a member of the American Red Cross Executive Committee:

"I may say to you that personally, I have had the most interesting and valuable experience of my lifetime; and when I return to the United States this Spring I will become, if you will permit me, one of your most loyal supporters in your Red Cross work in America."

So far the American Red Cross has expended for relief work in Italy \$916,000.

FORESTRY IN HAWAII AND FOODS AND DIET

The lectures at the College of Hawaii this evening will be delivered by Mr. Ralph S. Hosmer on "Forestry in Hawaii" and by Miss Agnes Hind on "Foods and Diet." The lectures begin at 7:30.

The lecture scheduled for April 2, on "Bovine Tuberculosis and Its Relation to Public Health," by Dr. Victor Nordgaard, has been postponed until Friday evening, April 9, at 7:30 p. m.

THE CRAZY PREACHER.

Bellingham Herald. — Jack Warner, the Hawaiian preacher who has been arrested three or four times by the police during the past two months, was picked up again last night and is in the city jail. Warner is strongly affected by religion, and several attempts have been made to send him to the insane asylum, but have failed. He has been in the county jail twice, but has been released. Chief Cade is trying to devise some way of getting rid of the man, as he invariably begins to expound the scriptures in the main streets every time he is released.

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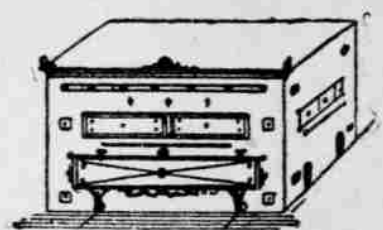
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